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Application No.: 09/990,060

Amendments to Drawings:

The attached drawing sheet includes a change to FIG. 7. This sheet replaces the original sheet. In Fig. 7, element 86 has been added.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present application contains claims 1-45. Claims 25, 33 and 36 have been amended to cure certain minor informalities and thereby place the claims in better condition for allowance. Claims 46 to 57, which have been withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a nonelected subject matter, have been canceled.

Corrections have been made to paragraphs [0036] and [0047] to cure minor informalities.

The drawing sheet containing Figure 7 has been amended to add a designating numeral and thereby conform Figure 7 to the specification.

It is noted that the drawings filed November 21, 2001 have been accepted.

Claims 1-6, 18-36 and 40-45 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of the double patenting over claims 1-31 of U.S. Patent No. 6,823,468. It appears that the Examiner, in paragraph 8, page 3 of the Official Action intended to refer to U.S. Patent No. 6,823,469 since the '469 Patent does contain claims 1-31 as well as claims 32-37 whereas the '468 Patent contains only 20 claims. It is further noted that the '469 Patent is recited in paragraphs 9 through 14 of page 4 of the Office Action which are subsidiary to paragraph 8, page 3 of the Office Action. Responsive thereto, Applicant has filed a Terminal Disclaimer.

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Claims 7-9, 10-17 and 37-39 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-14 of Patent No. 6,823,468. A Terminal Disclaimer has been filed responsive to this rejection.

In view of the fact that terminal disclaimers have been filed, it is submitted that claims 1-45 of the present application are now in allowable form and early issuance of this application is earnestly solicited.

Favorable action is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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